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Polka, US Patent no. 6,443,528 B1 issued September 3, 2002, discloses an apparatus for covering the visible portions of a wheel where the apparatus attaches to a wheel for which there is a drop center.

Polka, US Patent no. 5,630,653 issued May 20, 1997, discloses a method for covering the central portion of a wheel by attaching the covering to the lug nuts of the wheel.

Polka, US Patent no. 5,042,881 issued August 27, 1991, discloses a wheel liner for covering the central portions of a wheel where the axial dimensions of the wheel liner are adjustable to fit the wheel to which it is attached.

Polka, US Patent no. 5,061,014 issued October 29, 1991 discloses an axle cap for covering the central portion of the front wheel of a truck by providing flanges that fit between locators positioned alongside the hub of the wheel for centering of the wheel with respect to the hub.

Polka, US Patent no. 5,366,279 issued November 22, 1994, discloses a device for covering the central portions of a wheel that is maintained in place around a wheel hub by means of a compressible sleeve and adhesive material.

Polka, US Patent no. 6,595,596 B1 issued July 22, 2003, discloses a cover for covering the central portions of a wheel that is retained in place by retainers that attach against the threaded portions of the studs which extend beyond the lug nuts that hold the wheel in place.

Polka, US Patent no. 6,672,680 B2 issued January 6, 2004 discloses a device for covering the central portions of a wheel including a compressible strap that fits around a portion of the wheel hub with clips on the strap that engage a covering fitted over the strap and the clips.

Polka, US Patent no. 6,378,954 B1 issued April 30, 2002, discloses a device for covering the central portions of a wheel and includes a strap fitted around the portion of the axle extending outward of the wheel, clips on the strap, and a compressible material in the clips. A tubular cover is then fitted over the compressible material and is thereby retained over the wheel.

Polka, US Patent no. 6,467,852 B1 issued October 22, 2002 discloses a covering for covering the central portions of a wheel that includes a strap for extending around a portion of the axle extending beyond the wheel and clips mounted on the strap.

Polka, US Patent no. 5,823,635 issued October 20, 1998, discloses a device for covering the central portions of wheel having hand holds where portions of the device extend through the hand holds for attaching the covering to the wheel.

Polka, US Patent no. 5,358,313 issued October 25, 1994, discloses a cover for a truck wheel that attaches to studs that retain the oil cover over the central portion of an axle.

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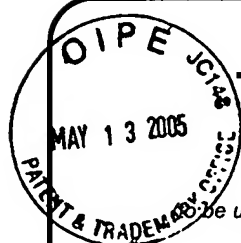
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